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CLAREMONT TOWN REPORT

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1874.

TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants in the Town of Claremont, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Claremont, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councilor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and County Commissioner.

3d. To determine the number of Representatives the town will choose the present year.

4th. To choose one or more Representatives to represent the town in the General Court to be holden at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

5th. To choose a High School Committee for the Stevens High School for the year ensuing.

6th. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

7th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools the present year.

8th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of highways and bridges the ensuing year, and determine whether it be paid in labor or money.

9th. To raise by vote the necessary amount of money to defray the legal expenses of the town the ensuing year.

10th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay debts of the town.

11th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay Engine Men.

12th. To determine how the school money shall be divided among the several school districts of the town the ensuing year.

13th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of street lights the ensuing year.

14th. To determine by vote the rate of discount, if any, the town will allow to persons paying their taxes within such periods as the town may limit, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 54, General Statutes.

15th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Claremont Cornet Band for the ensuing year.

16th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to convey the water from the spring purchased of Edward Ainsworth to the new cemetery, and appropriate money therefor.

17th. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of seventy-five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our fallen soldiers.

18th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Fiske Free Library.

19th. To see if the town will provide a suitable room or building in which to keep the Fiske Free Library, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

20th. To see if the town will repair the High School building, and what sum of money raise and appropriate therefor.

21st. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Stevens High School.

22d. To see if the town will vote to accept the resignation of Samuel P. Fiske as one of the Trustees of the Stevens High School Fund.

23d. To fill any vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Stevens High School Fund.

24th. To see if the town will vote to reimburse the Committee on removal of the Courts for expenses incurred by them in that matter.

25th. To see if the town will abolish the school districts therein, agreeably to "An act enabling towns to abolish school districts in certain cases," passed June session, 1870, and approved July 2d, 1870.

26th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to build a reservoir at some point on Hanover Street to be determined by the Selectmen and Engineers.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1874.

AURELIUS DICKINSON, C. H. AINSWORTH, CHARLES G. BUEL, } Selectmen of Claremont.

Chief Engineer's Report.

As Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, I respectfully submit the following Report for the year ending March, 1874:

The services of the department have been called into requisition five times during the past year—once at the Sash and Blind Shop, two different times at the Sugar River Paper Mill, once at J. W. Deane's; and once at the burning of a stump fence at lower village.

The Engine Companies deserve much credit for promptness in getting their machines in working order and, also, for the manner in which they conducted themselves while at the fire.

There has been added to the department during the last year, a good Hook and Ladder Company of twenty well-drilled men, well fitted out with ladders, fire buckets, etc., which is a valuable addition to the Fire Department. They have performed good service and without pay, and I would respectfully recommend that they have the same pay as other firemen, in the future. The department is supplied with good engines and plenty of hose, all of which are in good order.

There have been two new reservoirs built during the past year, and built in the most thorough manner,—one on Pleasant Street and one on Central Street,—and two of the old ones thoroughly repaired. I would recommend the building of one near Hanover Street, during the coming year.

G. H. STOWELL.

Financial Report

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1874.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1873.

Real Estate, including factories and machinery,	1,572,915	
Personal Estate,	491,457	
1069 Polls at 100 each,	106,900	
		$2,171,272
Less amount exempt,		24,500
		2,146,772

The rate of taxation is $1.87 on one hundred dollars including the tax on highways.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law, and by vote of the town, is as follows :

For State Tax,	9,582 00	
County Tax,	6,841 46	
Schooling as required by law,	5,589 50	
Stevens High School,	3,000 00	
Legal expenses, including Fire Department,	4,000 00	
Paying debts and interest,	6,500 00	
For Support of Poor,	500 00	
The repair of Highways,	2,000 00	
Street Lights,	200 00	
Percentage,	1,910 63	
		$40,123 29
Tax on dogs,		190 00
		$40,313 29

School House tax in District No. 17,	252 45
School House tax in District No. 13,	30 85
	$40,596 59

Receipts into the Treasury.

Balance in treasury March 1, 1873,	$311 88
New Hampshire State bonds sold,	24800 00
Claremont Town bonds,	75000 00
County of Sullivan, pauper account,	456 36
Taxes 1870,	8 55
A. H. Danforth, collector taxes 1872,	1712 30
Rent Cemetery land,	125 00
Liquor agent,	484 00
Independent Insurance Company,	15 00
Stone sold,	6 00
Registered bounty claims,	280 00
Rent school land,	40 00
Savings bank tax,	4388 48
Railroad tax,	272 26
Literary Fund,	275 52
Use of town hall,	325 50
H. L. Hubbard, collector 1873,	40579 00
	$149,079 85

Disbursement.

For support of district schools,		5806 92
Support of poor,		864 14
Interest on town debt,		6384 00
Ringing bells and sexton's service,		239 75
Repair of highways and bridges.		4592 69
Damage by dogs,		124 00
Incidental expenses,		1983 43
Town officers,		1605 45
Paying debts of town,		103,415 00
Building and repairing school houses,		30 00
Abatement of taxes for 1873,	803 56	1069 99
" " " " 1872,	266 43	
Discount on taxes,		612 28
Fire Department,		1826 84
Stevens High School,		3000 00
State tax,		9582 00

County tax,	6841 16
	$147,977 65

Incidental Expenses.

Paid Alvah R. Cummings, certificates of deaths and births,	$5 50
Carl A. Volk, do do	7 25
C. W. Tolles, do do	9 00
David Lattimore, sawing wood,	4 00
J. Weber, advertising and printing,	22 10
T. J. Lasier, do do	54 50
G. A. Bradford, fence posts for cemetery,	20 00
H. S. Parmalee, lighting street lamps,	68 50
J. T. Emerson, lantern for street lamp,	9 00
A. C. Ward, building fence at cemetery and Mrs. Daily's,	34 00
Jas. Barker, repairs on tomb at W. Claremont,	5 00
Claremont Sta. Co., paper and order book,	24 75
Ichabod Hitchcock, labor on bridge,	8 75
M. R. Emerson, insurance of S. H. School for five years.	225 00
A. Burrill, care of Town Hall, etc.,	48 10
E. T. Ayers, 15 cords of wood for Town House,	97 50
Francis Locke, 2 mill stones for reservoir,	10 00
Hatch Lithographic Co., for 150 town bonds,	122 00
Ira Colby, Jr., shingles for house on cemetery land,	15 75
H. C. Fitch, gas for hall,	172 50
" " gas for street lights,	295 50
R. B. Lull, damage to sleigh,	13 50
H. P. Shedd, rent of school lands,	6 00
Russell Jarvis, use of watering trough,	6 00
A. Burrill, cash paid for sawing and splitting wood for Town Hall, and repairing hearse,	12 00
C. W. Tolles, medical services,	3 00
T. J. Lasier, printing,	22 75
A. Dickinson, expenses to Concord and Newport, P. O. orders, etc.,	14 27
J. Weber, printing,	9 25
Ira Colby, expenses to Concord, and trustee suit,	10 00

A. T. Batchelder, services as coroner,	2 00
Claremont Sta. Co., paper and ink,	4 80
Claremont M'f'g Co., printing check list, etc.,	25 93
E. Neal, damage to land,	75 00
E. D. Baker, expense Fiske Free Library,	150 00
C. E. Albee, repairing tools for work on bridge,	4 00
C. Sanborn, shingling cemetery house,	7 25
G. A. Stone & Co., bill for repair,	34 82
R. C. Bradford, 2 straps for burial purposes,	2 75
A. B. Goward, use of watering trough,	2 25
J. M. Whipple, express on bonds,	1 15
Claremont National Bank, interest,	6 00
C. G. Buel, damage to sleigh,	5 75
J. T. Little, painting engine towers,	6 00
Monadnock Mill Co., lumber,	95 60
R. R. Bowman, work on highway,	2 60
T. K. West, use of watering trough,	2 50
T. B. Fletcher, " "	2 50
Eliza Field, damages to land,	50 00
Laban Ainsworth, damage to team,	10 00
Geo. H. Stowell, nails, glass, etc.,	49 44
Sullivan Machine Co., gears, grates, and labor on town bell,	68 67
Orlando Newton, work on snow scraper,	3 83
H. L. Hubbard, making arrests,	12 12
F. Whitcomb, use of watering trough,	3 00
	$1983 43

Paid Engine men,	820 00
John H. Rugg, services as steward,	3 50
Moody & Bros., ladders and hooks,	44 35
Granville Rowell, painting and setting 25 buckets,	8 00
John H. Rugg, services as steward,	8 37
Jesse Sparling, services as steward,	12 60
E. J. Bowen, repair of hose and hose carriages and straps,	6 00
Geo. H. Stowell, suction hose and coupling,	44 75
Cutler Edson, cutting 2 mill stones,	2 50
L. B. Farr, brick for reservoirs,	115 40
Houghton, Buckman & Co., 547 feet shafting, labor,	28 80
Geo. & E. D. Murphy, labor on engine house,	83 70

Sidney Mitchell, labor on engine house, and brick,	7 25
E. W. Moore, repair reservoir,	46 00
Sylvester Glidden, labor filling cisterns,	24 87
G. H. Stowell, for cement and lime,	163 65
Allen Watson, drawing brick,	18 85
H. C. Fitch, building reservoir on Pleasant street,	100 00
G. H. Howe, building reservoir on Central street,	95 00
John Tyler, filling reservoir and laying pipe,	28 08
Monadnock Mills, lumber for engine house,	23 28
J. H. Rugg, services as steward,	13 25
Jesse Sparling, services as steward,	17 80
Geo. H. Stowell, 25 buckets, rope, nails, glass and clap-boards,	88 09
Orlando Newton, 2 covers for reservoir,	6 50
T. Dart, saddle for engine,	4 50
A. E. Parmalee, steward, No. 4,	11 25
	$1,826 84

Town Officers.

Paid W. H. H. Allen, services as moderator and surveying,	70 50
Albert Straw, services as special police,	7 50
Francis Locke, services as selectman 1873,	16 87
Dudley T. Chase, services as auditor 1872,	9 00
" " " " committee on R. R.	31 00
John F. Cossitt, " " "	21 00
S. F. Rossiter, " " "	21 00
Aurelius Dickinson, " " "	21 00
C. H. Ainsworth, " " "	21 00
C. G. Buel, " " "	21 00
William Clark, town agent 11 months,	183 33
Joel S. Blood, services as police,	18 50
H. L. Hubbard, tax collector,	200 00
N. W. Brown, services as police,	6 00
J. M. Whipple, services as treasurer,	100 00
Wm. Clark, services as town clerk,	45 00
Aurelius Dickinson, services as overseer of poor,	50 00
" " " " selectman,	247 50

C. H. Ainsworth, services as selectman,	177 75
C. G. Buel, " " "	308 25
A. Dickinson, services as auditor,	9 00
W. E. Tutherly, services as selectman 9 days,	20 25
	$1,605 45

Liquor Agent's Report,

FOR ELEVEN MONTHS, ENDING FEB. 1, 1874.

Value of liquor on hand, Feb. 1, 1874,	$383 76	
Paid Town Treasurer,	484 00	
		$867 76
Value of liquor on hand, Mar. 1, 1873,	$271 00	
Agent's Salary,	183 33	
		$454 33
Profit to the town,		$413 43
Amount received for sales of liquor and casks,		$1,859 17
" paid for liquors and freight,	$1,350 17	
" " for revenue tax,	25 00	
" " Town Treasurer,	484 00	
		$1,859 17

WILLIAM CLARK, Town Agent.

Pauper Account.

Amount due from County, Mar. 1, 1873,	$83 41	
" drawn from Town Treasurer,	864 14	
		$947 55
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By Cash received from County,	$456 36	
Amount due from County, Mar. 1, '74,	46 00	
		$502 36
Net cost to Town for support of poor,		$445 19

Stevens High School.

EXPENSES.

Cash paid teachers,	$2,765 00
janitor,	200 00
F. F. Haskell,	86 45

for fuel,	260 64	
for books, apparatus and printing,	146 31	
for sundries,	46 52	
Balance in hands of E. D. Baker, Treasurer,	420 33	
		$3,925 25

RECEIPTS.

Cash from O. B. Way, bal. Mar. 1. '73,	$33 50	
Town,	2955 00	
Trustees of Stevens Fund,	800 00	
Tuition,	136 75	
		$3,925 25

Funded Debt.

Town Bonds outstanding, March, 1, 1873,	$71,500 00	
issued July 1, '73,	75,000 00	
		$146,500 00
Town Bonds drawn Jan. 1, 1873, paid July 1, 1873,	$2,000 00	
purchased Mar. 1, '74,	1,500 00	
		$3,500 00
		$143,000 00
Coupons due and unpaid,		180 00
Accrued interest from Jan. 1, '74, to Mar. 1, '74,		1,430 00
		$144,610 00

LIABILITIES.

Bonded Debt,	$144,610 00
Unpaid orders, (damage to sheep,)	123 50
School House Tax, Dist. No. 17,	250 00
Unpaid land damages,	100 00
	$145,083 50

ASSETS.

Due from County,	$46 00	
Balance in Treasury,	1,013 70	
Indebtedness less assets,		$144,023 80

Fiske Free Library.

EXPENSES.

Paid T. J. Lasier, printing,	$72 00	
C. H. Stevens,	19 00	
A. J. Swain,	112 00	
		$203 00

RECEIPTS.

Received from sale of catalogues,	$50 00	
Town,	150 00	
Balance due E. D. Baker,	3 00	
		$203 00

Public Schools.

Amount of money raised by law,	$5589 50	
Amount of Literary Fund,	275 52	
Amount of School land rent,	45 00	
Amount of Railroad tax,	21 90	
		$5,931 92
Paid Supt. School Com.,		125 00
Net amount expended for public schools,		$5,806 92

Which by vote of the town was divided—$75 to each district, and the remainder by the scholar, giving to 1215 scholars $3.60½ each.

Dist.	Scholars.	Amount.	Dist.	Scholars.	Amount.
No. 1	357	$1361 98	12	13	$121 87
2	43	230 02	13	20	147 10
3	27	172 33	14	18	139 89
4	41	222 82	15	137	568 89
5	43	230 02	16	6	96 63
6	9	107 45	17	298	1149 29
7	44	233 62	18	36	204 78
8	18	139 89	19	4	91 24
9	53	266 06			
10	12	118 26		1215	$5806 92
11	36	204 78			

Stevens High School Fund.

There is now in the hands of the Trustees the sum of $10,000.00 invested in Real Estate Security at eight per cent.; also, the further sum of $943.07 deposited in Sullivan Savings Institution, the income of which is probably all that will be realized for the current year towards the support of the school.

AURELIUS DICKINSON,
C. H. AINSWORTH, } Selectmen.
CHARLES G. BUEL,

We have examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen of the Town of Claremont, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Claremont, March 4, 1874.

WILLIAM E. TUTHERLY,
FREDERICK P. SMITH, } Auditors.
JOHN M. WHIPPLE,

Estimate for 1874.

The Selectmen recommend raising the following sums for the year ensuing:

For repairing highways and bridges, (in money,)	$2,000
Payment of debt and interest,	10,800
Incidental expenses,	3,000
Street lights,	300
Fire Department,	1,000

AURELIUS DICKINSON,
C. H. AINSWORTH, } Selectmen.
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